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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a 3 month extension of time until January 2, 2003 in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated July 2, 2003 for the aboveidentified application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1375 the fee of \$ 950.00 for obtaining this extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1375. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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